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This is a reaction piece so I will limit myself.

Apparently the DOJ is owned by Microsoft also. Lucky for the DOJ that we have a fresh new war for us to watch on CNN and public opinion is far removed from the issue.

Ask anyone else in the software industry that tries to make a living (life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness....remember?) writing and selling software in a fair and competitive way, ask weather this is a good deal?...you will here, "no its not."

The settlement is lacking in many ways, but creates a lot of nice loopholes that creative lawyers can exploit. Look, its obvious the DOJ is protecting Microsoft with this compromise. Protecting the very company they where trying to punish, nice one.

The solutions that any software company, and vender, would have Microsoft undertake I guess would take down the economy? Cause a unfavorable market? Cause Microsoft to issue licensing audits on every public office desk in America? BS. Look what's happened, the market is falling apart anyway, many (once) competitive companies are struggling. The DOJ is to late, so they will not even try to make a difference. Its like showing up to a car wreck and not even trying to help because you think the driver will die anyway (that's unlawful).

Principle. The Constitution, must be redefined in a way that benefits people not a select group of persons, all the time. I understand that there are laws on the books that are supposed to stop monopolies from forming and then punish companies that contribute;....but to bring a monopoly, Microsoft, to trail, get scared, and then protect them? Sorry, thats the image out here.

Image is everything right? Well the DOJ is looking real good now. Welcome to the dark side of the force (Star Wars reference). I guess you all got new XP laptops and neat stuff...good for you. Thank you for doing your jobs. I guess in America I'm free to do what I'm told, and I should just be thankful for that, right? Right.

People are stronger than any government that rules them. The industry will do what the DOJ failed to do. And, again, the DOJ image becomes more tarnished, less visable, darker and darker until it ends with a big blue screen of death. You could reboot, but that may piss-off Microsoft. Better call support first and ask them if its ok.